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## JONES, LUCERO AND WALTON MAKE CONVINCING TALKS

Thursday evening at the Dixie Theatre, Hon. A. A. Jones, democratic nominee for U. S. Senator, Hon. Antonio Lucero, democratic nominee for Secretary of State and Hon. W. B. "Billy" Walton, democratic nominee for congressman, spoke to a capacity house. Many people were forced to stand in the aisles and entrances and the fact that all remained until practically the last word was spoken, is an evidence of the deep interest shown.

Mr. Walton was the first speaker and confined himself almost exclusively to a discussion of national issues. He is a pleasing and convincing speaker, and proved to the satisfaction of all (excepting the little bunch of g. o. p. leaders present) that he is the only man now running for congress in New Mexico who measures up to the job. "Billy" Walton has served the people of Grant county, his home county, for many years, and his election in that country, year after year, has been almost the unanimous thing; and now that the state has called him into a larger field, it is certain to accord him the same confidence as have his Grant county neighbors.

A. A. Jones, nominee for U. S. senator, was the second speaker, being introduced by the Hon. Paz Velasco. The large crowd expected a big speech by a big man, and was not disappointed. Mr. Jones' address was a masterly presentation of the accomplishments of the present administration, and a big American plea for the reelection of a Big American President, Woodrow Wilson. Mr. Jones did not defend the record of President Wilson and the congress, saying that it needed no defense; he simply enlarged upon its greatness, pointing out the great benefits to the country of the Federal Reserve act, the Rural Credits act, the Clayton anti-trust act, the Underwood bill, the Seaman's bill, the Child Labor law, the Anderson Eight Hour law, and many others, everyone of which were proposed and enacted into law on the personal recommendation of the president, and in the interest of the great majority. Mr. Jones is easily the first citizen of New Mexico, and will be elected to represent the state in the U. S. senate by our unprecedented majority.

Then came Hon. Antonio Lucero, the pleasing silver-tongued orator, and efficient secretary of state. Mr. Lucero devoted his address almost entirely to the state ticket, and to the accomplishments of the McDonald administration.

Out that the democrats were in possession of only the executive department of the state government, and the republicans in practical control of both the judicial and legislative departments, having secured two-thirds majority control of the latter, through the instrumentality of the "jimmy." Union county know all about the "jimmy."

Besides the unanswerable arguments advanced by the speakers, the pleasing gentlemanly manner in which they spoke of their opponents and those who disagree with them in political belief, won them many friends. This was brought prominently to the attention of the audience by remembering the bloody shirt, bitterly partisan and really ungentlemanly address made by J. Wight Giddings, the night before. One republican summed up the difference between gentlemen who had something to say, and a hired man who had to earn his Hubbell check.

Editor Busenbark of the Reporter at Raton, spent last Saturday in Clayton. Mr. Busenbark is the editor and business head of a mighty good paper. He was greatly pleased with Clayton, and surprised at our evident business superiority over other towns in this section.

## GOOD FOR THE CROPS.



(New York Evening News)

## THE NEW LARRAZOLA

Santa Fe, Oct. 2.—At a remarkable political meeting in the plaza at the town of Taos, Saturday afternoon, John B. Larrazola, son of Mariano A. Larrazola, of Las Vegas, defeated candidate for the republican nomination for supreme court justice, bested Congressman H. C. Hernandez, in a discussion of the Mexican situation, aroused the crowd to a wild pitch of enthusiasm and at the conclusion of his address had the people hurrahing at the republican member of congress, such questions as "Why did you leave us?" "Why did you misrepresent things?" "Why did you tell us the truth?" When Hernandez attempted to reply to Larrazola a majority of the audience refused to hear him and left the place.

Young Larrazola went to Taos in company with former governor M. N. Otero and H. L. Hall, democratic candidate for state treasurer, to make the first of a series of speeches for the democratic ticket. After the party reached Taos, Hernandez appeared on the scene and as soon as the crowd gathered in the plaza for the political speaking, Saturday afternoon, Larrazola took the platform and invited New Mexico's congressman to explain the attitude of Hughes and the republican party toward Mexico.

Hernandez made an attempt, but he had no sooner concluded than Larrazola, who was familiar with every phrase of the Mexican question, convinced the audience that Hernandez was not well posted on dates and events of the recent Mexican history; that his statement showed an ignorance of both and that consequently he was not in a position to talk about the Mexican situation.

He then launched on an extended defense of Wilson's Mexican policy, speaking for nearly two hours. The crowd gave him the closest attention and wildly cheered him at frequent intervals.

As soon as he stopped talking the crowd broke up, despite the efforts of Congressman Hernandez to hold it.

Frank Wolford returned, Thursday noon from Rawlins, Arizona, being called to Clayton by the serious illness of his son, Frank, Jr. The little fellow is much better at this time.

Ben F. Brown of Mosquero, attended to business in the county seat, Tuesday, and of course took in the "Ex-Governor Giddings" oratorical doings that evening.

## DAVISON MAKING FRIENDS

Gen. A. Davison, of Chavez county, Democratic candidate for state land commissioner, is not only making friends for himself, but is daily gathering strength for the entire Democratic ticket, on account of the aggressive campaign he is making in behalf of the ticket.

When interviewed in Clayton by a representative of the News, Mr. Davison, very effectively outlined the administrative policy which he will follow, if elected, to the very important office in the following words:

"The small loan is entitled to the same consideration in all public matters, as those more fortunate and should be given an equal opportunity to purchase or lease the public land of New Mexico. The funds derived from the sales or leases of the public lands belong to the people of New Mexico, and not to any person or political party and should be producing interest in an amount sufficient to partly pay, if not entirely care for the expense of the administration.

"The state land fund is now in excess of \$700,000 and I am informed by O. N. Marmon, State Treasurer, that there has never been paid, one penny on the amount, as handled by my opponent, Mr. Ervien. This money is on deposit in various banks of the state; you have some of it here in Clayton, and while I firmly believe that it should be distributed throughout the state I believe that it should be so handled as to produce a return, in the way of interest, thereby allowing the money of the citizens to earn something toward defraying the expenses of their government.

"I am informed, and I believe correctly, that the expenses of the state land office for the year 1915 were in excess of \$50,000, which I believe to be rather expensive administration in view of the small number of persons who were successful in securing leases or in the purchase of state lands.

"As I stated before and your people, Saturday night, I promise and will give them an economical administration if elected to this office and I not only invite but will appreciate the very closest possible investigation as to my ability and past administration of public office, and am willing to be judged by that record.

"I ask and seek the support of every citizen of New Mexico who believe in honest service and fairness to each and every person without regard to his financial condition or political creed."

## A SUPERFLUOUS CANDIDATE

Hughes So Characterized by a Pittsburgh Republican

That the Hughes candidacy is superfluous and that the former Supreme Court Justice has lowered his own standards by assailing President Wilson are among the reasons given by William Albert Harbison, an attorney and Republican of Pittsburgh, Pa., for supporting the President for reelection.

In a letter to the Democratic National Committee, publication of which is authorized by Mr. Harbison, he says:

"Though a Republican of the Progressive stamp and long an admirer of ex-president Roosevelt, I am strongly of the opinion that President Wilson has far surpassed him in practical idealism and has given to the world the greatest demonstration in its history that a Nation as well as an individual can be Christian in its ideals and relations toward others.

"While an admirer also of Honorable Charles J. Hughes as a man of high ideals, I believe he is a superfluity at the present moment and is distinctly lowering his own standards in the attempt to fight an administration such as we had during the past four years.

"God grant success to your nominee is the wish of one Progressive Republican."

## PERSONALS

Fred Wolford and family of near Amidst, were in the city, Thursday.

D. Stone of the Seneca country attended to business in the city, Friday.

Frank and Leon Casados of the Tramparos, attended to business in the city this week.

C. D. Moore of near Cuates, was a business visitor and trader in the city the forepart of the week.

W. M. Moran of the Wanette country, was a business visitor and trader in the city, Thursday and Friday.

A. P. Alderson, daddy of the Alderson community, east of Clayton, attended to business in the city, Thursday and Friday.

Judge J. S. Holland was in Thursday evening for the big democratic speaking. The judge accompanied the speakers to Des Moines and Folsom.

O. S. Johnson, the new merchant at Thomas, attended to business in the city Friday. Mr. Johnson is the Union county agent for the Smith "Form-a-Truck" Company.

## CAN A LEOPARD CHANGE HIS SPOTS?

In 1911 Holm O. Bursum, by reason of his control of the machinery of his party, forced his nomination for governor of New Mexico by a republican convention over the protests of thousands of republicans who knew that he was not qualified to hold the office—that his election would bring disrepute upon the state of New Mexico just as it was entering into the sisterhood of the states. Their protest was treated with contempt for the Bursum ring was confident that it could get by with anything in 1911.

Those independent republican voters, combining with the democrats, went to the polls in 1911 and buried Holm O. Bursum under an avalanche of ballots—sent him down in humiliating defeat.

What greater claim has Holm O. Bursum on the voters of the state of New Mexico now than he had in 1911? How much better is he now than he was then? What has he achieved in the way of public service to entitle him to any greater consideration than he received five years ago?

Holm O. Bursum's record as superintendent of the New Mexico penitentiary was the clean-cut issue of the campaign of 1911. The gravest irregularities in the management of that institution were charged against him. It was alleged that books which would have disclosed these irregularities, were mysteriously burned and that a sum of money was secretly paid into the treasury of the state by him, the purpose of the payment being left to conjecture by the public. Brutality to prisoners was among the least serious of the counts in the indictment brought against him.

The voters found, by the decisive majority cast against him, that these charges against Holm O. Bursum were substantially true.

Has there been anything to change that verdict? Has Holm O. Bursum's record been purified since 1911? Has he himself been sanctified by five years of comparative inactivity in political affairs?

In 1911 Hubbell and Bursum were, in the opinion of the intelligent voters of the state, the embodiment of all that was worst in New Mexico politics. In 1916 one of them is a candidate for United States senator and the other for governor. And "Gap" Gillenwater, of Montezuma Trust Company fame is leading them.

What right has Holm O. Bursum to ask the people of New Mexico to elect him Governor? Albuquerque Journal, Ind. Rep.

## J. W. THOMPSON FOR SUPERINTENDENT

If J. W. Thompson is nominated and elected to the office of county superintendent of schools, he will bring to the people of Union county an experience of more than twenty years of public service as a supervisor of schools. Mr. Thompson is the possessor of both instructor and conductor certificates in our state normal institutions; a degree from the State Normal University; a life certificate from the State Board of New Mexico and from that of Colorado. He is thoroughly capable, and qualified in every way to hold the office of superintendent of Union county, and has been in the race from the start. If nominated, Prof. Thompson will make a strong race.

Juan G. Martinez of Des Moines, was in the city, Tuesday. Juan is still of the opinion that wheat at a dollar and a half a bushel, and wool at 30 cents a pound, is all wrong under the democratic administration, and will vote for Hughes and to reduce the price, on November 7th.

Car of bran just received. Four States Seed Co.